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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: *Palese et al.*

Application No.: 09/724,427

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For: RECOMBINANT NEGATIVE STRAND
RNA VIRUS EXPRESSION SYSTEMS
AND VACCINES

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.115 AND AMENDMENT TO
SEQUENCE LISTING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.825**

Commissioner For Patents
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Sir:

In responding to the Office communication dated June 6, 2003 and pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.115, please consider the following amendments and remarks prior to the examination of the above-captioned application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a (1) a Petition for Extension of Time for one month from July 6, 2003 to and including August 6, 2003 accompanied by the appropriate fee; (2) under separate transmittal a Substitute Sequence Listing in paper form and in computer-readable form; and (3) a Statement that the paper and computer-readable copies of the Substitute Sequence Listing are identical.

AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Sequence Listing begin on page 8 of this paper.